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SUBJECT:

LAOS COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL

REF: A) CINCPACINST S4650.2 (APRIL 4, 1972)

B) VIENTIANE A-20 (MARCH 4, 1974)

1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, 1973 LAO ACCORDS PROVIDE THAT "ALL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL, EXCEPT THOSE ON EMBASSY LISTS RECOGNIZED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION," MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM LAOS WITHIN SIXTY-DAY PERIOD OF THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THAT SIXTY-DAY PERIOD ENDS JUNE 4, 1974. THEREAFTER, ANY ENTRY INTO LAOS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT, COULD BE CONSTRUED AS VIOLATION OF LAO AGREEMENTS.

2. THEREFORE, ADHERENCE TO STANDING MILITARY INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING ENTRANCE TO LAOS BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST BE OBSERVED. THIS APPLIES TO LEAVE AND OTHER UNOFFICIAL AS WELL AS OFFICIAL TRAVEL. BASIC RULE IN EFFECT SINCE 1965, REITERATED REF A, IS THAT "AMBASSADOR MUST SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE, BEFORE THE FACT, ENTRY (INTO LAOS) OF ANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL". THIS RULE RECOGNIZES THAT SOME NON-ATTACHE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY HAVE VALID REASONS FOR ENTERING LAOS, BUT SUCH ENTRY SHOULD BE THE EXCEPTION.

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3. WITH APPROACHING END OF SIXTY-DAY WITHDRAWAL PERIOD,
ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO REMIND ALL COMMANDS OF IMPORTANCE OF
COMPLYING WITH REF A INSTRUCTION.
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